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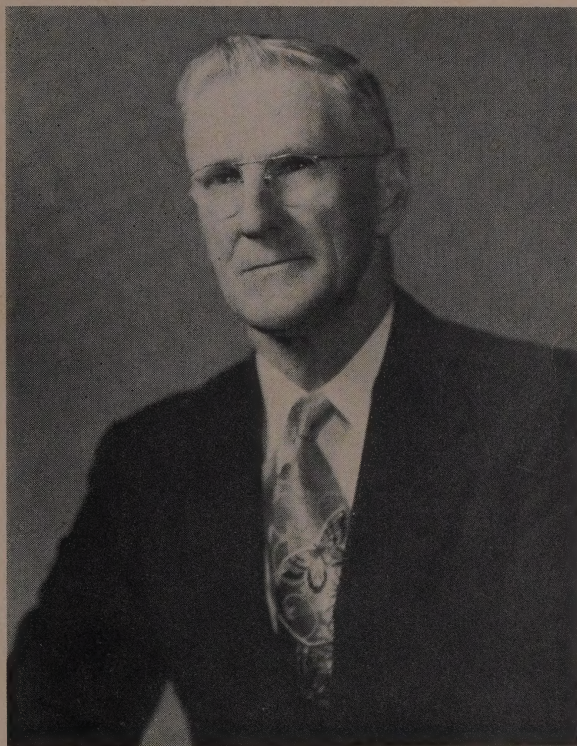
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Annual Report

TOWN of STRONG

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Respectfully Dedicated
to
Lester R. and Mabel Lewis
for
Notable
Community Service

For Year 1954

The retirement of Lester R. (Roy) Lewis following the sale of his drug store in 1954 removed a familiar figure from the commercial life of this town. Roy was recognized as one of the most successful business men of this region, and in reaching this position he never resorted to any type of high pressure. Practically his entire program of publicity was limited to School Papers and a small amount of trade circulars.

This would have been a handicap to many, but not to Roy. From far and near they came in ever increasing numbers, to see, to hear and to purchase. Many of the customers needed special treatment such as the "jigs" for which Roy was famous. He was an artist with the "Jews' Harp" and harmonica and many entered the store to get a musical greeting, until "store teeth" ended this phase of his career. The best medicine he dispensed to the public was his own personality.

To the store went those who wanted a sliver removed, a sharp cinder taken from an eye, a balky watch started, or eye glasses repaired. These were routine chores in the long, busy days, but none were turned away.

Young people found all sorts of excuses to visit the store and kill time. On occasions they were a bit rough but Roy seemed to enter the spirit of their good times. Once in a while a husky juvenile would get way out of line. In those cases action was swift and sure as the startled youth found himself in a grip of steel and moving with precision toward the front door.

His exit was a thing of beauty!

One of Roy's hobbies has been and continues to be photography. His fine work in this field has been outstanding. The product of his camera constitutes a record of historic events in this community, many of which would be only dim memories otherwise.

The Lewis business has been strictly a partnership, but without any complicated legal document proclaiming it. Mrs. Lewis, Mabel, to a host of people in this section, has been the other partner, quietly and efficiently serving the public.

Outside the busy schedule and exacting hours of the store they have found time and ways to contribute personally and financially to the program of the Church and other agencies seeking to build a better community. Now, in well earned retirement they have the sincere good wishes of a legion of friends and neighbors, and we try to make it official through this "Annual Report" of 1954.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STRONG, MAINE
FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1955

A copy of this report has been mailed to each family. Please preserve it and bring it to Town Meeting as no duplicate will be issued.

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1955

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

F. A. RICHARDSON

Assessors

ELMER D. BRACKLEY

Overseers of Poor

ROBERT S. WORTHLEY

Town Clerk

RAYMOND D. NORRIS

Treasurer

HERVEY B. JENNINGS

Tax Collector

HERVEY B. JENNINGS

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN C. MacLEOD

School Committee

VERNE FLOOD

LUCILLE MITCHELL

FAYE STARBIRD — Resigned

ROBERT S. WORTHLEY

Health Officer — School Physician

D. W. MARSTERS, M. D.

Fire Chief

GRANGIE MARDEN

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ROY HAINES

Constables

HERVEY B. JENNINGS

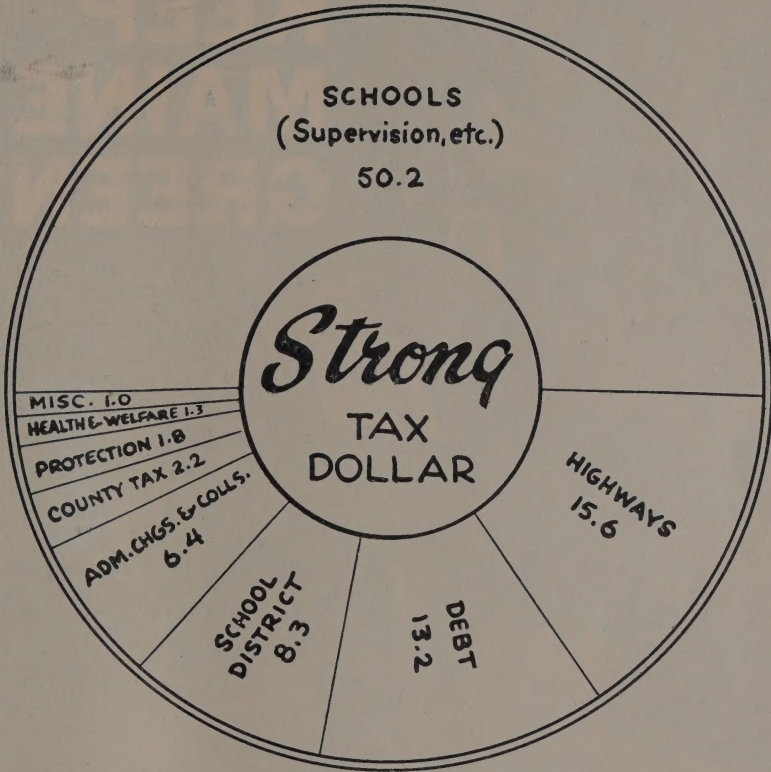
ALMON D. PRATT

RALPH E. EUSTIS — Resigned

LEWIS BRACKLEY


Truant Officer

ALMON D. PRATT



Percentages shown in this table to indicate expenditure for the activities listed, include State as well as Town Funds, Tuition, Fees, etc.

Non Appropriation Accounts, Forster Bldg., Truck and Plows, Hitchcock House not included.



**KEEP
MAINE
GREEN**

Smokey says

**"WE WANT OUR TOWN TO THRIVE
WE'LL HAVE NO FOREST FIRES IN '55"**

TOWN WARRANT

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, S.S.

To Hervey B. Jennings, a Constable in the Town of Strong, County of Franklin, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Strong, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Forster Memorial Building in said Town, on Saturday, the fifth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To consider reports of Town Officers and take action thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to continue the existing administrative system during the 1955 Fiscal Year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner.

Art. 6. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year, or in case of minor offices, to authorize the Selectmen to fill by appointment.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Elementary and Secondary Schools, including Teachers' Wages, Fuel, Janitor Service, Conveyance, Textbooks, Reference Books, Electric Lights and Power, Supplies for desk and laboratory use, the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools, Salary of School Physician and Insurance (School Department) for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to provide transportation for Avon students attending Strong Schools during the coming year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for transportation of Avon students for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure Temporary Loans in anticipation of Taxes.

Art. 12. To see when the Taxes shall be made payable and collected.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the Collection of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on all Real and Personal Property Taxes paid on or before June 1, 1955, and charge interest at 4% from October 1, 1955 on all Real and Personal Property Taxes remaining unpaid on December 15, 1955.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay Discounts and Interest for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for maintenance of Summer Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for breaking and sanding Winter Roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax funds for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 44 and 49, Chap. 23, R. S. 1954.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of two hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$269.20) for snow removal on State Highway #4 as provided under the R. S. of 1954.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from Excise Tax funds for the reconstruction of the Spaulding road starting at the point where the 1954 project ended.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from Excise Tax funds for the reconstruction of the Nutting road, so-called, starting at the residence owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Johnson and formerly known as the Holt Place.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate five hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents (\$569.33) from Excise Tax funds to pay for culverts purchased for reconstruction of S. A. #2 and held in our inventory since the project was canceled by the State Highway Commission.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) from Excise Tax Funds for application of surface gravel upon roads based under the T.R.I. program in recent years.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) from Excise Tax Funds for expenditure on Doctor Brook Hill near the residence of Hugh Allen on Burbank Hill Road.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the balance of two hundred dollars (\$200) carried over from 1954 in the Taylor Hill road account for expenditure between Nutting Corner, so-called, and the New Vineyard Town line.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay on Town Debt.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Rent of Hydrants for the ensuing year.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Maintenance of Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Support of Poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to employ the service of a School Physician for the ensuing year, and in the event of an affirmative vote, to appropriate and raise a sum of money to pay for said service.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for public health nursing in Strong, said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay the cost of supplies and services incident to the local Public Health Program.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the purchase of Books for the Strong Public Library for the ensuing year.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Insurance for the ensuing year.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the Observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Maintenance of Cemeteries for the ensuing year.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for repair or construction of Sidewalks for the ensuing year.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Abatement of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Civilian Defense and Public Safety for the ensuing year.

Art. 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Art. 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for maintenance of the present Town Dump, or for the establishment of a new site if that action becomes necessary.

Art. 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Police Services.

Art. 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for School Lunch Program for the ensuing year.

Art. 47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Institutional Care.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to have its employees participate in Federal Social Security benefits and authorize its board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the State Agency as designated in Chap. 395 of the Public Laws of 1951 for that purpose, and fix the effective date thereof.

Art. 49. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise to pay its share of the cost of the Social Security plan as provided for in the preceding article.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize that any grant from the Federal Government to cover the storm damage to highways in 1954 be credited to Roads and Bridges Account for the present fiscal year.

Art. 51. To see if the Town of Strong will vote to accept the terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act of the State of Maine.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) for protection under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to start erection of a Town Garage at the schoolhouse lot on School Street using such material as now available at the site, supplemented by an appropriation in such sum as may be determined under this article.

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town Manager Form of Government effective as of Feb. 1, 1956, the start of the next fiscal year, in accordance with Chap. 91, Sec. 16, R.S. of 1954.

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept two hundred dollars (\$200) under the will of the late Vinal B. MacLane and create the Vinal B. MacLane Cemetery Trust Fund; one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) from Mary W. Farrow and create the Mary W. Farrow Cemetery Trust Fund; one hundred dollars from Maude B. Hillier to add to the already established Maude B. Hillier Cemetery Trust Fund.

Art. 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, and the Town's interest in Tax Liens, whether completely foreclosed or not, this authorization to include any Real Estate acquired by the Town under the same process during prior fiscal years.

Art. 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be set aside in a special fund for the later purchase of a School Bus.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Forster Memorial Building at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Strong, Maine, Feb. 12, 1955.

F. A. RICHARDSON,
ROBERT S. WORTHLEY,
ELMER D. BRACKLEY,

Selectmen of Strong.

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ITEM 1

BUDGET

Art.	Account	Balance 1954	Approp. Suggested	Total
7	Schools (See School Budget in detail below)			
9	Avon Conveyance	\$ 29 00	\$ 335 00	\$ 364 00
10	Town Charges	12 55	800 00	812 55
13	Collection of Taxes	46 86	775 00	821 86
15	Discounts and Interest		1,400 00	1,400 00
16	Roads and Bridges		2,500 00	2,500 00
17	Winter Roads		3,500 00	3,500 00
18	State Aid		Excise- 1,066 00	1,066 00
19	State Highway		269 20	269 20
20	Spaulding Road		Excise- 2,000 00	2,000 00
21	Nutting Road		Excise- 1,000 00	1,000 00
22	Culvert Stockpile		Excise- 569 33	569 33
23	T.R.I. Surface Gravel		Excise- 300 00	300 00
24	Doctor Brook Hill		Excise- 300 00	300 00
25	Taylor Hill Road	\$200 00	Excise- (re-appro.)	200 00
26	Town Debt		3,500 00	3,500 00
27	Hydrants		579 60	579 60
28	Street Lights		843 96	843 96
29	Fire Department	423 84	776 16	1,200 00
30	Support of Poor	417 73		417 73
31	A.D.C.	104 89	750 00	854 89
32	School Physician		200 00	200 00
33	Public Health Nurse		75 00	75 00
34	Public Health Program		75 00	75 00
35	Town Officers		4,500 00	4,500 00
36	Library		150 00	150 00
37	Insurance	149 90		149 90
38	Memorial		50 00	50 00
39	Cemeteries	191 61	50 00	241 61
40	Sidewalks	345 21	200 00	545 21
41	Abatements	80 27	50 00	130 27
42	Civilian Defense	184 67	100 00	284 67
43	Maine Publicity		50 00	50 00
44	Town Dump	149 02	100 00	249 02

Art.	Account	Balance 1954	Approp. Suggested	Total
45	Police	\$103 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 203 00
46	School Lunch	400 00	100 00	500 00
47	Institutional Care		100 00	100 00
49	Social Security		200 00	200 00
52	Workmen's Compensation		175 00	175 00
53	Town Garage		1,000 00	1,000 00
54	School Bus (School Comm. will give facts in relation to Art. 54)			

STRONG SCHOOL BUDGET 1955-56

	1954-55 Budget	Expended	1955-56 Budget
Teachers, H. S.	\$14,650	\$14,461 84	\$15,100
Teachers, Elem.	17,900	17,715 85	19,600
Fuel	2,500	2,902 07	2,900
Janitor & Jan. Sup.	2,600	2,757 90	3,100
Conveyance	4,000	4,094 15	4,300
Textbooks	1,200	1,429 29	1,200
Supplies	1,000	1,498 71	1,400
Supplies (Ind. Arts)	500	298 53	350
Electric Lights	750	922 60	900
Superintendent	900	945 89	1,030
School Physician	150	200 00	200
Insurance	922	883 50	—
	<hr/> \$47,072	<hr/> \$48,110 33	<hr/> \$50,080 00

DRIVER TRAINING 500 00

\$50,580 00

RESOURCES

Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,453 63
Interest on School Fund		25 00
State Subsidy (estimated)		15,200 00
Tuition, State: Freeman, Elem.	\$2,000	
Freeman, H. S.	800	
Avon, Elem	500	
Avon, H. S.	2,100	
New Vineyard, H. S.	200	
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		\$22,278 63
REQUESTED APPROPRIATION (WITHOUT DRIVER TRAINING)		\$27,801 37
REQUESTED APPROPRIATION (WITH DRIVER TRAINING)		\$28,301 37
REQUESTED APPROPRIATION FOR AVON CONVEYANCE		\$335 00
REQUESTED APPROPRIATION FOR HOT LUNCHES		\$100 00

ITEM 2

Assessors' Department

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENTS

	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total
Resident	\$573,222 00	\$165,474 00	\$738,696 00
Non-Resident	57,670 00	6,691 00	64,361 00
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	\$630,892 00	\$172,165 00	\$803,057 00

Voted and Raised 3/6/54	\$54,656 47
State Tax	5,585 50
School Dist. Tax	8,000 00
County Tax	2,140 60
Overlay	311 49

\$70,694 06

Less

State Tax (available for local ser.) 5,585 50

Amount assessed

\$65,108 56

Rate — \$8.00 per \$100.00

Assessed upon Real and Personal Estate	\$64,244 56
288 Polls at \$3.00 (24 not taxed)	864 00

Original Commitment	\$65,108 56
Supplementary Tax	45 00

Total Commitment	<hr/> \$65,153 56
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Note — Appropriations were made from Excise Tax Funds in the amount of \$5,632.00 for several road projects. This sum did not involve Assessment and does not appear in the financial statement given above.

Real Estate Classified

Land	\$146,900 00
Buildings	483,992 00
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	\$630,892 00

Personal Property Classified

Taxable Livestock and Poultry	No.	App. Ave. Value	Total Value
Horses	58	\$70 00	\$ 4,010 00
Colts (under 2 yrs.)	2	50 00	100 00
Steers-Oxen etc. over 18 mos.	50	40 00	2,010 00
Milk Cows	236	42 00	10,015 00
Heifers (over 2 yrs.)	46	35 00	1,595 00
Heifers (18 mos.-2 yrs.)	33	30 00	990 00
Domestic Fowl	279	1 00	279 00
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			\$18,999 00

Exempt Livestock and Poultry

	No.	App. Ave. Value	Total Value
Cattle (under 18 mos.)	183	\$25 00	\$4,575 00
Sheep	127	10 00	1,270 00
Goats	3	10 00	30 00
Swine	11	10 00	110 00
Domestic Fowl	830	1 00	830 00
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			\$6,815 00

Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade	\$19,921 00
Logs	3,000 00
Lumber	19,750 00
Wood	18,000 00
Boats	635 00
Gas Pumps	2,200 00
Musical Instruments	3,240 00
Radios	4,120 00
Television Sets	3,260 00
Furniture	31,820 00

Finished Product in Mills	\$ 6,525 00	
Tractors	280 00	
Machinery and Equipment	31,890 00	
Other Property	8,525 00	
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		\$153,166 00
Taxable Livestock (brought forward)		18,999 00
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		\$172,165 00

Property owned by Town

Land on School Street	\$ 500 00
School Property	20,000 00
Fire Station - Truck - Equipment	5,500 00
Town Safe	200 00
Office Fixtures	200 00
Road Equipment	200 00
Tractor and Plow (Wings)	2,500 00
M. H. Ford (1945) with wings	1,000 00
M. H. Ford (1955) with wings	8,400 00
Frink - V Plow and Frink - one way	1,000 00
Sander	150 00
Forster Bldg. with equipment	38,000 00
Miscellaneous Equipment (Cemetery)	50 00

Endowment Fund

Forster Building	\$70,000 00
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Selectmen's Division

ITEM 3

TOWN CHARGES

Balance 2/1/54	\$140 91
Appropriation	700 00
Linwood Wallace, Lien Costs	3 40
Edwin Gordon, Lien Costs	3 40
Herbert Spaulding, Lien Costs (3)	10 00
Carroll Smith, Lien Costs (2)	6 80
J. and J Mills, Lien Costs	3 40
Fr. Co. Sav. Bank, Lien Costs (Cole)	3 40
Roland Wallace, Lien Costs	3 40
Flora Washburn, license	1 00
E. E. Toothaker, license	1 00
H. B. Jennings, Col. 3-1953 Polls (transients)	9 00
State of Maine, Bank Tax	8 94
State of Maine, Dog License Refund	49 81
State of Maine, Tel. and Tel. Tax	11 10

\$955 56

Expended

James Lambert, Labor	\$ 3 00
John Lambert, Labor	3 00
Herbert Morey, Labor	3 00
Minnie Allen, Elections	2 50
Gladys Luce, Elections	10 00
Jennie Pratt, Elections	10 00
Miriam Lisherness, Elections	7 50
Elizabeth Stevens, Elections	10 00
H. B. Jennings, Postage, Supplies, etc.	22 70
F. A. Richardson, Tolls, Postal Charges	8 74
D. L. Garrison, Supplies	1 00

Branham Pub. Co., Supplies	\$ 2 00	
L. R. Lewis, Supplies	17 69	
Marks Printing House, Supplies	60 31	
The Franklin Journal, Notices	9 00	
Knowlton & McLeary Co., Printing	370 37	
Me. Municipal Assn., Annual Dues	40 00	
Stan. Foulke, Service	9 50	
Peoples Nat. Bank, Bank Charges	8 04	
F. E. Knowlton, Registry Fees	31 98	
Millett, Fish & Dresser, Audit	175 00	
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		\$805 33
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		\$150 23
Transfer to Winter Roads		131 41
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Balance		\$ 18 82

ITEM 4 TOWN OFFICERS

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 147 03	
Appropriation	4,250 00	
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		\$4,397 00

Expended

F. A. Richardson, Selectman	\$2,986 88
Robert S. Worthley, Selectman	177 00
Elmer D. Brackley, Selectman	177 00
H. B. Jennings, Treasurer	250 00
H. B. Jennings, Treasurer Cemetery Trust Funds	25 00
R. D. Norris, Clerk	97 40
H. B. Jennings, Constable	15 00
A. D. Pratt, Constable	10 00
Verne Flood, School Committee	10 00
Robert Worthley, School Committee	10 00
Faye Starbird, School Committee	5 00
Lucille Mitchell, School Committee	5 00
H. B. Jennings, Treasurer M. and S. Fund	5 00
D. W. Marsters, M. D., Health Officer	10 00

A. D. Pratt, Att. Officer	\$ 5 00	
F. A. Richardson, Car and Expense	500 00	
D. W. Marsters, M. D., Services, Supplies (Health Pro)	60 25	
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		\$168 80
Transfer from Overlay	\$62 56	
Transfer from Supplemental	45 00	
Transfer from Blister Rust	61 24	
	<hr/>	\$168 80

**ITEM 5
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 39 62	
Appropriation	900 00	
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Expended		
John MacLeod		\$945 89
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		\$6 27
Transfer from Schools		\$6 27

**ITEM 6
SCHOOL LUNCH**

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Expended		
Lulu Cook	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00
Balance		

**ITEM 7
LIBRARY**

Appropriation	\$150 00	
State of Maine, Stipend	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 00

Expended

Strong Public Library	\$165 00
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ITEM 8**BLISTER RUST CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$200 00	
State of Maine, One Half of Amount Spent	52 80	
	<hr/>	\$252 80

Expended

Payrolls		105 60
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		\$147 20
Transfer to Town Officers	\$61 24	
Transfer to Winter Roads	85 96	
	<hr/>	\$147 20

ITEM 9**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Balance	\$365 69
Appropriation	834 31
New Vineyard	70 00
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	\$1,270 00

Expended

Currier Ins. Agency	\$320 25
Farmington Oil Co., Fuel	109 73
R. E. Eustis Tr., 4 Extinguishers	46 13
Me. Cons. Power Co., Service	12 22
Franklin Farmers Tel. Co., Service	19 79
Somerset Tel. Co., Service	27 50
Payrolls	248 10
Starbird Lumber Co., Supplies	1 44
Phil's Service Sta., Supplies	15 53

A. G. Eustis, Supplies	\$ 1 02	
Eastern Fire Equip. Co., Supplies	19 02	
Blanchard Associates, Supplies	24 83	
	<hr/>	\$845 56
Balance		<hr/> \$424 44

**ITEM 10
STREET LIGHTS**

Balance	\$ 24 76	
Appropriation	819 20	
	<hr/>	\$843 96
Expended		
Me. Cons. Power Co.		\$843 96

**ITEM 11
HYDRANTS**

Appropriation		\$579 60
Expended		
Strong Water District		\$579 60

**ITEM 12
POLICE**

Balance		\$152 00
Expended		
H. B. Jennings	\$26 00	
A. D. Pratt	17 00	
Lewis Brackley	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 49 00
		<hr/> \$103 00

Of the above expenditures \$18.00 was for services as Night Watch. The balance was paid for calls involving parking, accidents involving vehicles, and to adjust marital disputes. There were no casualties!

**ITEM 13
FORSTER BUILDING**

Balance 2/1/54	\$2,084 94
Livermore Falls Trust Co., Dividends	3,055 09
Rentals	367 43
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	\$5,507 46

Expended

H. B. Jennings, Janitor	\$962 75
A. N. Kennedy, Janitor	106 00
Marion Eustis, Librarian	200 00
Herbert Morey, Labor	3 00
Ernest Taylor, Labor	41 50
E. A. Richardson, Labor	19 70
Burchard Allen, Labor	4 40
Dan Abbott, Labor	4 00
Clinton Merry, Labor	2 00
Mary James, Labor	14 25
Frank Willard, Labor	19 50
Earl Greenleaf, Labor	145 50
Del Paradis, Labor	127 50
Wilfred Fortin, Labor	75 00
J. L. Finney, Labor and Supplies	19 41
Chester L. Stewart, Labor and Supplies	128 47
Oskamp Nolting Co., Supplies	23 25
Gagnon-Haskell Inc., Supplies	22 83
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	89 27
A. and L. Market, Supplies	16 61
Starbird Lumber Co., Supplies	1 73
Wilfred McLeary Co., Supplies	142 56
L. R. Lewis, Supplies	50
First National Store, Supplies	35
Ernest Richards, Supplies	4 46
Me. Cons. Power Co., Kitchen Equipment	395 00
Me. Cons. Power Co., Service	139 37
B. D. Moore, Service	7 45
Strong Water District, Service	15 86
Elm Crest Garage, Service	7 90

Ernest Smith, Service	\$2 50
Town of Strong, Truck	2 00
Llyde Howes, Storage	5 00
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	2 90
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	\$2,752 52
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	\$2,754 94

**ITEM 14
TRUCK AND PLOW**

Balance	\$ 9 58
Town of Strong	2,068 74
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	\$2,078 32

Expended

Robert Worthley, Labor	\$ 9 00
Burchard Allen, Labor	17 08
Millard Rackliff, Labor	5 40
Howard Green, Welding	3 00
Lawrence Curtis, Garage Service	5 04
Horn Motors, Garage Service	470 47
Elm Crest Garage, Garage Service	61 25
Forster Mfg. Co. Inc., Garage Service	8 44
Starbird Lumber Co., Mainly Tire and Tubes	225 52
E. E. Toothaker, Gas and Oil	613 50
Howard Fairfield, Steel	127 30
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	6 17
Strong Motor Service, Supplies	7 50
Phil's Service Station, Supplies	5 24
Currier Ins. Agency	13 50
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	\$1,578 41
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Balance	\$ 499 91

**ITEM 15
TOWN DUMP**

Balance 2/1/54	\$159 07
Appropriation	100 00
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	\$259 07

Expended

Payrolls	\$38 70
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	1 95
Dozers	66 00
Supplies, (Kerosene)	3 40

 \$110 05

Balance

 \$149 02

**ITEM 16
HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Available	\$48,424 34
Expended	46,964 44

 Balance \$1,459 90

Transfer to Superintendent of Schools 6 27

 Balance \$1,453 63

**ITEM 17
AVON CONVEYANCE**

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 19 00
Appropriation	350 00

 \$369 00

Expended \$340 00

 Balance \$ 29 00

**ITEM 18
TEMPORARY LOAN**

The Peoples National Bank \$8,000 00

Expended

The Peoples National Bank \$8,000 00

**ITEM 19
TOWN DEBT**

Appropriation \$3,500 00

Expended

The First National Bank \$3,500 00

ITEM 20
TAX LIENS — PAID IN 1954

Linwood Wallace	\$ 72 00
Edwin Gordon	112 00
Herbert Spaulding (3)	161 72
Carroll Smith (2)	122 11
J. and J. Mills	72 00
Franklin County Savings Bank (Cole)	84 00
Roland Wallace	62 00
Roy Huff	16 00

\$701 83

ITEM 21
1954 TOWN TAX

H. B. Jennings, Col.	\$61,702 09
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ITEM 22
TAXES-PRIOR YEARS

H. B. Jennings, Col. 1953	\$1,040 00
H. B. Jennings, Col. 1952	5 63

\$1,045 63

ITEM 23
COLLECTION OF TAXES

Appropriation	\$800 00
Expended, H. B. Jennings, Col.	753 14

Balance \$46 86

ITEM 24
OVERLAY

Assessed		\$311 49
Transfer to High Street	\$146 36	
Transfer to Spaulding Road	55 84	
Transfer to Nutting Road	27 64	
Transfer to Hutchins Hill	8 90	
Transfer to Int. and Dis.	3 92	
Transfer to Winter Roads	6 27	
Transfer to Town Officers	62 56	

\$311 49

**ITEM 25
EXCISE TAX**

Balance 2/1/54	\$1,427 09
H. B. Jennings, Col. (1954 Excise)	5,426 59
H. B. Jennings, Col. 1955 to 2/1/55	1,115 36
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	\$7,969 04

Expended

H. B. Jennings, Col.	\$142 00
D. L. Garrison	7 00
U. S. Auto-Truck Guide	7 50
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	\$ 156 50

\$7,812 54

Appropriations from Excise

State Aid Construction	\$2,132 00
Spaulding Road	1,000 00
High Street	1,000 00
Hutchins-True Hills	400 00
Nutting Road	400 00
Tarvia	500 00
Taylor Hill Road	200 00
Roads and Bridges (Hurricane Damage Voted 12/14/54)	981 19
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	\$6,613 19

Balance	\$1,199 35
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**ITEM 26
STATE AND COUNTY TAXES**

State Tax	
Assessed (Applied on Town Appropriation)	\$5,585 50

County Tax	
Assessed	\$2,140 60

Expended

County of Franklin	\$2,140 60
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ITEM 27
STRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX

Assessed	\$8,000 00
Expended	
Town of Strong School District	\$8,000 00

ITEM 28
SUPPLEMENTAL TAX

Assessed	\$45 00
Transfer to Town Officers	\$45 00

ITEM 29
ABATEMENTS

Balance 2/1/54	\$93 27
Expended	13 00
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Balance	\$80 27

ITEM 30
INTEREST AND DISCOUNTS

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 8 96
Appropriation	1,400 00
Interest, (10 Liens Paid)	32 87
H. B. Jennings, Col., Interest	116 68
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	\$1,558 51
Expended	\$1,562 43
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	\$3 92
Transfer from Overlay	\$3 92

ITEM 31
NOTES OUTSTANDING

Bridges	\$ 9,476 00
Sprinkler System	2,390 00
State Aid Construction	12,913 89
Marmon Herrington Ford with Frink Plows	8,473 02

ITEM 32
CIVILIAN DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Balance 2/1/54	\$209 40
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Expended

Victor Hill, Labor	\$7 00	
Burchard Allen, Labor	4 00	
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	7 09	
Starbird Lumber Co., Supplies	6 64	
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		\$ 24 73
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Balance		\$184 67

**ITEM 33
CEMETERIES**

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 75 27	
Appropriation	150 00	
Mae Lisherness, Lot	40 00	
Newman Durrell, Lot	40 00	
Burchard Flagg, Lot	40 00	
James G. Welch, Lot	40 00	
Dividends (Cemetery Trust Fund)	250 00	
Opening Graves	44 00	
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		\$697 27

Expended

E. A. Richardson, Labor (Includes Opening Graves \$44.00)	\$136 20	
A. D. Pratt, Water Service	1 10	
Andrea Bernard, Trust Fund Lots	250 00	
Andrew Pratt, Tractor	5 00	
Town of Strong, Truck	47 61	
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	29 45	
Clyde Chandler, Gravel	4 50	
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	13 80	
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		\$487 66
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Balance		\$191 61

Surface gravel was applied on the upper driveway during the past year, and a similar application is needed on the lower driveway during 1955. It is our opinion that many of the cross drives between the main drive-ways should be blocked to vehicles in order to protect corner lots.

ITEM 34
CEMETERY — OLD SECTION

Balance 2/1/54		\$200 00
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ITEM 35
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

V. B. MacLane Est.	\$200 00	
Mary W. Farrow	150 00	
Maude Hillier	100 00	
		\$450 00

Expended		
Franklin Co. Savings Bank		\$450 00

ITEM 36
MEMORIAL

Appropriation		\$50 00
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Expended		
Treasurer Strong Band		\$50 00

ITEM 37
SIDEWALKS

Balance 2/1/54	\$145 21	
Appropriation	200 00	

		\$345 21
Balance 2/1/54		
Routine repairs made in conjunction with Roads and Bridges.		

ITEM 38
HITCHCOCK HOUSE

Operating Balance 2/1/54	\$218 38	
Melzor Phillips, Rent	129 00	
		\$347 38

Expended

H. B. Jennings, Col., Tax	\$62 00	
Strong Water District, Service	5 40	
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		\$ 67 40
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Operating Balance 2/1/54		\$279 98
Call of Clergy Balance, Prior Years	\$182 77	
Expended	18 50	
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Clergy Balance 2/1/55	\$164 27	
High School Balance 2/1/55	40 09	
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		\$204 36
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		\$484 34

ITEM 39
INSURANCE

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 91 15	
Appropriation	150 00	
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		\$241 15

Expended

Eustis Insurance Agency	91 25	
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		\$149 90

INSURANCE IN FORCE

Agency	Expiration Date	Amount
	Forster Building	
Currier Ins. Agency	October 30, 1955	\$21,000 00
Currier Ins. Agency	November 11, 1955	17,000 00
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		\$38,000 00

Fire Station and Contents

Eustis Ins. Agency	March 20, 1956	\$1,000 00
Eustis Ins. Agency	March 17, 1957	1,600 00
Eustis Ins. Agency	Sept. 9, 1957	1,600 00
Eustis Ins. Agency	Nov. 13, 1957	1,000 00
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		\$4,600 00

Hitchcock House

Currier. Ins. Agency	January 26, 1956	\$2,000 00
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Community School Bldg. and Gymnasium

Eustis Ins. Agency	December 1957	\$152,000 00
E. E. Toothaker	December 1957	25,000 00
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		\$177,000 00

Total Insurance in Force	<hr/>	\$221,600 00
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In the case of the Forster Building and Hitchcock House the cost of the insurance is charged against the income of the properties.

Highway Division

ITEM 40 ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Verne Richardson, D4	5 00
Willard Curtis, Cold Patch	4 00

\$2,509 00

Expended

Robert Worthley, Hand	\$56 25
Eddie Gordon, Hand	28 00
E. A. Richardson, Hand	762 50
Burchard Allen, Hand	257 98
Clayton Crocker, Hand	2 00
Pete Howard, Hand	2 00
Dan Pratt, Hand	2 00
Earle Allen, Hand	78 50
C. H. Lisherness, Hand	3 75
Theodore Bates, Hand	4 00
Milton Stevens, Hand	7 60
Edward Brouza, Hand	18 00
F. E. Willard, Hand	75
H. R. Welch, Hand	1 00
Starbird Lumber Co., Supplies, Plank, Labor	43 48
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	31 49
W. W. Small Co., Supplies	1 25
E. E. Toothaker, Supplies	3 00
Wilfred McLeary Co., Explosives	22 00
State of Maine, Calcium Chl.	\$146 08
State of Maine, Patch	31 50 177 58
N. H. Worthley, Tractor	76 50
Andrew Pratt, Tractor	3 50

Forster Mfg. Co., Inc., D4	\$295 25
Verne Scribner, Grader	54 00
Basil Rowe, Grader	114 00
C. H. Brackley, D4	210 00
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	285 00
Harold Haggan, Truck	22 40
Floyd Enman, Truck	1 00
Town of Strong, Truck	680 75
Clyde Chandler, Gravel	34 85
Roy McCourt, Gravel	15 00
Roy McCourt, Gravel T. R. I.	205 60
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	533 22
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	156 15
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	\$4,190 35
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	\$1,681 35
State of Maine, 1954 Hurricane Damage Repair Fund	\$700 16
Town of Strong, 1954 Excise Tax Funds (Voted 12/14/54)	981 19
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	\$1,681 35

Note:

Records will show the 1954 season to have been one of the most difficult and costly ever experienced in the maintenance of highways within the State of Maine.

The Town of Strong, while not hit as hard in August and September as many towns in this section, was probably about average for the State.

Heavy and frequent rains which started while the frost was still a problem, continued without much interruption into the present snow removal season. For weeks at a time neither trucks nor power graders could be used to good advantage on dirt roads. We made extensive use of dozers during May, June and July, but with water standing everywhere even that type of equipment was frequently ineffective.

The net result of these conditions was increased cost and no particular improvement in the roads, at least from a seasonal standpoint. On very few occasions were we able to move from the location after machining a section without getting caught in a downpour, then we were back where we started.

In the field of cost our Warrant of Sept. 3, 1954 showed total expenditures to that date of approximately \$2,000.00, leaving \$500.00 to carry us through the balance of the season.

In a normal year that would have been an excellent situation as of September, but 1954 was anything but normal.

The picture changed rapidly when we were hit by two big blows and near record rains in quick succession. Emergency repairs became the order of the day and continued until the ground was solidly frozen in December. By that time our expenditures had reached a record of \$4,190.35 for the season, the inevitable overdraft having been legalized by action of the Special Town Meeting of December 14, 1954.

If we include \$205.60 for gravel, our payrolls from Sept. 1 to Dec. 17 amounted to more than all our expenditures from April 23rd to the first named date. Damage from the hurricanes of August 31 and Sept. 11 amounted to approximately \$1,400.00. The State of Maine contributed \$700.16 as its share of the cost of the emergency program.

Our claim for assistance under the Federal Disaster Relief Program is in process of being adjusted, but we are not in a position to predict with any great degree of accuracy the amount of a possible grant under the program.

ITEM 41 WINTER ROADS

Balance 2/1/54	\$ 252 22
Appropriation	3,200 00
H. B. Jennings, Treasurer, Refund Fuel Tax	1 80
State of Maine	1,660 75
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	\$5,114 77

Expended

Robert Worthley, Labor	\$ 553 50
Frank Spencer, Labor	46 25
C. H. Lisherness, Labor	60 64
M. B. Richardson, Labor	8 00
Paul Pillsbury, Labor	34 50
Burchard Allen, Labor	375 20
E. A. Richardson, Labor	832 30
Sayward Ellis, Labor and Truck	842 28
Town of Strong, Truck	1,228 35

Starbird Lumber Co., Trucks, Cedar Posts,		
Supplies	\$217 94	
A. G. Eustis Est., Supplies	12 08	
Phil's Service Sta., Supplies	2 27	
E. E. Toothaker, Supplies	7 28	
Tolman Gay, Tire (Sander)	13 55	
Skowhegan Machine Works, Service	7 61	
Howard Fairfield, Service	70 50	
Forster Mfg. Co. Inc., Welding (Tractor)	33 34	
Elm Crest Garage, Tractor Service	112 65	
C. H. Brackley, Loader	22 50	
Union Steel Co., Steel	215 69	
Northeastern Pet. Co., Lubricants	95 80	
Currier Ins. Agency, Tractor Ins.	23 63	
Elmer Sayward, Sand	40 00	
Spaulding Bros., Rent (Sandpit)	25 00	
State of Maine, Stockpile	197 20	
State of Maine, Salt	120 80	
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	130 85	
Treasurer State of Maine, Fuel Tax	8 70	
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		\$5,538 41
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		\$ 223 64
Transfer from Blister Rust	\$ 85 96	
Transfer from Town Charges	131 41	
Transfer from Overlay	6 27	
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		\$ 223 64

The cost of plowing and sanding Winter Roads cannot be controlled by any figure set up in a budget at the start of the year. A season when the average snow cover is light may still prove costly if there are bad blows or ice conditions are unfavorable. On the other hand, costs for a season when the fall is very heavy may not get out of hand unless there is much drifting.

A glance at former reports reveals how costs move up and down from year to year. Four reports on our desk show as follows: 1945-\$4,934; 1947-\$5,731; 1948-\$4,263; 1952-\$5,742.

For the fiscal year covered by this report cost reached \$5,338 with expense of sanding and related activities probably amounting to more than the cost of plowing. Generally speaking we can plow 8 to 10 inches of dry snow almost as quickly as we can plow 2, and with little if any added cost.

Many of the storms this winter have been of the "nuisance variety", 2 or 3 inches, which if left on the road surface meant ice and additional sanding. We used the plows without exception but the added expense is reflected in our detail.

There is little to indicate any sharp drop in the annual cost of following the present program of activities in the Winter Roads account.

The cost of repairs is at the highest point on record due to the price of steel, and this effects cutting edges and other plow parts. The expenditures for stockpile, including salt as well as sand, are mounting each year.

The public apparently expects most of our mileage to be sanded within a short time after the end of each storm. It expects a generous application not only on hills and curves but also on level stretches.

In order to follow this program with even moderate success we need equipment (town owned or hired) available when needed and men to enable us to operate it at capacity and efficiently. All this adds up to additional expense for the taxpayers, and it is for them to indicate the point at which their requests cease to be reasonable and too great a drain upon our financial resources.

ITEM 42 TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Expended

Lester Gould, Foreman	\$ 48 30
Gerald Toothaker, Hand	19 48
Harold Trask, Hand	17 10
Horace Beal, Hand	27 08
Rodney Pratt, Hand	22 80
Leslie Adley, Hand	27 08
Erlon Richardson, Hand	15 20
Rupert Kenney, Truck	91 21
Lester Stevens, Truck	91 21
Fred Koch, Truck	91 21
Alfred Redlevski, Truck	91 21
Donald Byron, Truck	83 20

D. E. Morton, Trucks (2)	\$ 86 63
Theodore Beal, Truck	64 13
Clifford Lothrop, Truck	54 00
Russell Stinchfield, Truck	64 13
Town of Strong, Truck	28 80
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	354 00
State of Maine, Shovel	262 50
Director Internal Revenue W. H. Tax	7 20
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	99 18
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	\$1,645 65
Received from State of Maine	\$1,645 65

The Town Road Improvement Project was again assigned to the Pillsbury Road. In order to prepare the section under repair for base gravel it was necessary to do a considerable amount of work with a D4. Three large culverts were installed, only one of which is charged to this account. 2056 yards of heavy base gravel from the McCourt pit were applied to approximately six-tenths of a mile. The old road has long been famous for its mud, the deep, black, sticky kind, that stayed late in the Spring and showed up after about every rain. We feel the new base will stand up during all seasons under normal loads.

It will be noted that pay for T. R. I. gravel came from Roads and Bridges account (\$205.60). In other words nearly 1/12 of the appropriation for Roads and Bridges had to be earmarked for the project.

In view of the larger sums now available for T. R. I. it is a fair question to ask whether we should continue to take funds for gravel from Roads and Bridges or meet the situation by direct appropriation.

ITEM 43 SPAULDING ROAD

Appropriation (Excise Funds)	\$1,000 00
Expended	
Lester Gould, Foreman	\$ 29 70
Gerald Toothaker, Hand	4 75
Harold Trask, Hand	6 18
Horace Beal, Hand	17 58
Rodney Pratt, Hand	17 10
Leslie Adley, Hand	17 58

Rupert Kenney, Truck	\$ 59 21
Lester Stevens, Truck	59 21
Fred Koch, Truck	41 60
Alfred Redlevski, Truck	59 21
Don Byron, Truck	59 21
Lester Barker, Truck	40 01
Floyd Enman, Truck	40 01
D. E. Morton, Trucks (2)	25 88
Theodore Beal, Truck	41 63
Clifford Lothrop, Truck	40 50
Russell Stinchfield, Truck	41 63
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	102 00
State of Maine, Shovel	182 00
Roy McCourt, 1668 yds. gravel	166 80
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	4 05
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	\$1,055 84
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	\$55 84
Transfer from Overlay	\$55 84

Reconstruction on the Spaulding Road started at the intersection with S. A. #2 and continued down Worthley Hill, a distance of approximately 1425 feet.

The old stone culvert at the Allen driveway which has given so much trouble for years was replaced with a paved and coated metal culvert. Extensions were added to two metal culverts previously installed. Funds for the purchase of the above listed culverts were taken from Roads and Bridges account. One additional culvert installed near the southern end of the project was taken from the S. A. #2 stockpile.

The road was widened throughout, adequate ditches provided, and 1668 yards of heavy base gravel (Mccourt Pit) applied to the required depth.

We desire to indicate that we had the complete cooperation of N. H. Worthley while the project was in progress. We were allowed to push stones, stumps and other waste material on the Worthley property. Otherwise it would have been necessary to truck all of it from the location, a costly job, and one that would have greatly reduced the length of the section constructed.

ITEM 44
HIGH STREET

Appropriation (Excise) \$1,000 00

Expended

Lester Gould, Foreman	\$ 19 80
Earle Allen, Labor	17 70
E. A. Richardson, Labor	92 80
Leslie Adley, Labor	14 25
Burchard Allen, Labor	62 95
Rodney Pratt, Labor	7 13
Forest White, Labor	12 83
Horace Beal, Labor	14 25
Town of Strong, Truck	81 23
Russell Stinchfield, Truck	33 75
Harold Hagan, Truck	30 38
Clifford Lothrop, Truck	16 88
Theodore Beal, Truck	33 75
Lester Barker, Truck	48 00
Lester Stevens, Truck	48 00
Alfred Redlevski, Truck	48 00
Floyd Enman, Truck	48 00
C. M. Richards, Wrecker	4 00
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	162 00
State of Maine, Shovel	63 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	203 16
Clyde Chandler, 500 yds. gravel, 134 yds. sods	63 40
Director Internal Revenue W. H. Tax	21 10

\$1,146 36

\$146 36

Transfer from Overlay

\$146 36

High Street, as reconstructed, is wider than before, has improved drainage and a gravel base of good depth. Three new metal culverts were installed, the one just north of Harry Lambert's residence being about 50 feet in length.

Due to the fact that the road follows along the slope of the hill it was difficult to hold the west shoulder. In order to overcome the difficulty we obtained 134 yards of excellent sods at or adjacent to the Chandler pit and placed them along the shoulder where we were having

the trouble. As a result we expect to be able to hold the gravel while the roadway is becoming compact.

The sodding operation, which was not anticipated when the work was laid out, involved hand labor entirely, except for trucking, and the additional cost was the main factor in forcing expenditures above the appropriation figure.

**ITEM 45
NUTTING (POND) ROAD**

Appropriation (Excise Funds) \$400 00

Expended

Lester Gould, Foreman	\$29 70
Horace Beal, Hand	7 13
Rodney Pratt, Hand	2 85
Leslie Adley, Hand	7 13
Rupert Kenney, Truck	24 01
Theodore Beal, Truck	16 88
Lester Stevens, Truck	24 01
Clifford Lothrop, Truck	6 75
Russell Stinchfield, Truck,	16 88
Fred Koch, Truck	24 01
Alfred Redlevski, Truck	24 01
Donald Byron, Truck	24 01
Lester Barker, Truck	24 01
Floyd Enman, Truck	24 01
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	81 00
State of Maine, Shovel	42 00
Clyde Chandler, Gravel, 192 yds.	19 20
Roy McCourt, Gravel, 260 yds.	26 00
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	4 05
	\$427 64
	\$27 64
Transfer from Overlay	\$27 64

Three major needs on the Nutting, or Pond Road, are as follows:
 1. bulldozer work in order to obtain greater width; 2. larger culverts at present locations and additional installations where the need is

evident; 3. placing of gravel, preferably heavy base, in such depth as will carry the heavy trucking common to this area.

The work this year followed this general pattern. The bulk of the expenditure was made at Toothaker Corner. Starting at S. A. #2 and continuing to the "Red House" we placed a heavy gravel base and installed one new culvert.

Below the Ellis Field we spread a large amount of gravel over the bad mud hole at that point. We also installed one new culvert which was purchased under the Roads and Bridges Account.

The balance of the appropriation was used to spread light coat of surface gravel over the base placed in 1953. Nine trucks working 7½ hours placed 452 yards of gravel on these locations, which figures out as 1 yard per minute. From any local pit it's a long run to the Pond Road, and Norton Hill is still a time taker for heavily loaded trucks.

ITEM 46 HUTCHINS HILL

Appropriation (Excise Funds)	\$400 00
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Expended

Lester Gould, Foreman	\$11 70
Horace Beal, Hand	8 55
Leslie Adley, Hand	8 55
Forest White, Hand	8 55
Rodney Pratt, Hand	8 55
Lester Barker, Truck	28 80
Lester Stevens, Truck	28 80
Alfred Redlevski, Truck	28 80
Floyd Enman, Truck	28 80
Theodore Beal, Truck	20 25
Russell Stinchfield, Truck	20 25
Harold Hagan, Truck	20 25
Clifford Lothrop, Truck	20 25
M. J. Stinchfield Jr., D4	54 00
State of Maine, Shovel	63 00
Clyde Chandler, 480 yds. Gravel	48 00
Director Internal Revenue, W. H. Tax	1 80

\$408 90

Transfer from Overlay

\$8 90

\$8 90

The work on Hutchins Hill (Church Hill to many) involved application of surface gravel over the rough base placed there several years ago. 480 yards from the Chandler Pit were required to complete the project. A perforated drain pipe was installed in an effort to divert water from the spring near the center of the road below the residence of Bob Smith. This has given much trouble during the winter months for several years. It will be noted that the appropriation for Hutchins and True Hills was expended on the former. This was due to the very bad condition of that section and the difficulty of maintaining it during the summer or plowing it during the winter.

Gravel for True Hill was handled under the regular appropriation for Roads and Bridges.

ITEM 47

STATE AID RECONSTRUCTION — NORTON HILL ROAD

Expended

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	\$569 33
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This project was eliminated by order of the State Highway Commission. A Special Town Meeting authorized payment of this account from surplus, pending action upon an article in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting which calls for an appropriation in the amount of \$569.33.

ITEM 48

STATE AID RECONSTRUCTION — SOUTH STRONG ROAD

Appropriation (Town) 4 units	\$2,132 00	
State of Maine, \$4,264 plus 20% of joint fund	5,543 20	
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		\$7,675 20

Expended

Livermore Falls Trust Co.	\$6,000 00	
Peoples National Bank	1,460 77	
First National Bank	214 43	
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		\$7,675 20

ITEM 49

TARVIA

Balance 2/1/54	\$287 21	
Appropriation (Excise)	500 00	
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Balance		\$787 21

**ITEM 50
TAYLOR HILL**

Appropriation (Excise)	\$200 00
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**ITEM 51
STATE HIGHWAY**

Appropriation	\$269 20
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Expended	
State of Maine	\$269 20

Health and Welfare Division

ITEM 52 TOWN POOR

Balance 2/1/54	\$475 16
No Expenditures	
Transfer to Institutional Care	57 43
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	\$417 73

ITEM 53 OTHER TOWN'S POOR

Expended	\$20 87
Received — Town of Eustis	\$20 87

ITEM 54 STATE POOR

Expended	\$214 60
Received — State of Maine	\$214 60

ITEM 55 AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance 2/1/54	\$115 73
Appropriation	600 00
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	\$715 73
Expended	
Treasurer, State of Maine (3 cases)	610 84
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Balance	\$104 89

ITEM 56 INSTITUTIONAL CARE

No Appropriation

Expended	
Treas. State of Maine	\$57 43
Transfer from Town Poor Account	\$57 43

ITEM 57
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 1 00	
Public Subscription	74 00	
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		\$75 00

Expended		
Treasurer, State of Maine		\$75 00

As a result of the intense publicity campaign carried on prior to the annual meeting in 1954 many people gained the impression that the cost of continuing the service of Public Health Nurse would continue on the same basis as during the past year.

Actually, at no time while the campaign was underway was any promise, expressed or implied, made to indicate that the appropriation of one dollar was anything but temporary. It was freely predicted that continuation of the service through 1955 and later years would hinge on annual appropriations for the full amount. The main objective of one year ago centered on the initiation of the program with public (tax) revenue involved and the objective was gained.

However, this is another year and the Warrant includes an article offered by Dean Fisher, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, which contained request for the full amount.

We have also included an article calling for an appropriation for Public Health Services which seems essential if we are to realize the full value of the investment for Public Health Nurse. There appears to be no sound basis for the nurse outlining community-wide health programs involving clinics, professional services, etc. unless there are funds available that can legally be used to meet the cost.

During 1954 some of the services mentioned above were instituted by school authorities, and financial obligations incurred for which there were no funds. The services already in progress were completed and the cost charged to Town Officers Account, that item being one factor in the operating overdraft. However, as a permanent policy this method of financing would not be satisfactory and in all probability it could be challenged successfully.

A program of Public Health Service allied with Public Health Nursing can be as extensive or as limited as available funds dictate, but in any event we should be realistic enough to recognize that the services are not to be purchased over a bargain counter during a "Fire and Water Sale".

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RICHARDSON,
ROBERT S. WORTHLEY,
ELMER D. BRACKLEY,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.

Financial

ITEM 58

Report of Treasurer

FEBRUARY 1, 1954 — FEBRUARY 1, 1955

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 4,402 43
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Received from State Treasurer

Bank Stock Tax	8 94
R. R. & Tel. Tax	11 10
School Subsidies	10,203 74
Tuition	2,752 25
Library Stipend	15 00
Dog License Refund	49 81
State Poor	214 60
Blister Rust	52 80

Highway Accounts

State Highway — Snow	1,660 75
State Aid	5,543 20
Unimproved Roads	1,887 89
Town Road Improvement	1,645 65

Received from

Tuition — Avon	2,420 80
Tuition — Eustis	203 39
Tuition — New Vineyard	175 00
Farm Bureau Ins. Co.	28 16
H. B. Jennings, Treas., cr. Roads	1 80
Strong Farm Bureau, Refund	27 93
Ministerial & School Fund	25 00
Three Polls, not assessed	9 00

New Vineyard, Fire Fighting	\$ 70 00
Hitchcock House	129 00
Dividends Forster Bldg.	3,055 09
Other Towns' Poor	20 87
Forster Bldg. Rentals	337 50
Cemetery Lots	160 00
Cemetery Trust Funds	250 00
Opening Graves	44 00
Licenses	2 00
Temporary Loans	8,000 00
Loans	8,473 02
1953 Tax Liens	506 00
1952 Tax Liens	61 88
1951 Tax Liens	60 23
1950 Tax Liens	73 72
Costs	33 80
Interest	149 55
1953 Taxes	1,040 00
Abatements 1954	13 00
Cemetery Trust Funds	450 00
Rent — New Gym. cr. School	189 00
School Mdse. sold	30 00
Public Health Nurse	74 00
Merchandise sold — Old School House	15 00
Received from State — Hurricane Refund	700 16
F. Verne Richardson — cr. Roads and Bridges	5 00
Willard H. Curtis — cr. Roads and Bridges	4 00
1954 Excise Tax	5,426 59
1955 Excise Tax	1,115 36
Truck and Plow Earnings	2,068 74
1952 Taxes	5 63
1954 Taxes	61,702 09
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Total Balance and Receipts	\$125,604 47

ORDERS PAID

Town of Strong School District	\$ 8,000 00
County Tax	2,140 60
Town Orders	108,304 44
Cash on hand	7,159 43
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	\$125,604 47

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY B. JENNINGS, *Treasurer.*

ITEM 59

Report of Tax Collector

FEBRUARY 1, 1955

Commitment	\$65,108 56	
Supplemental	45 00	
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		\$65,153 56
Paid Treasurer	\$61,702 09	
Abatements	13 00	
Uncollected	3,438 47	
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		\$65,153 56

UNCOLLECTED — RESIDENT 1954

Adams, William	\$ 16 80
Brackley, Glenn F. & Ruby P.	88 80
Bunnell, Philip	186 40
Curtis, Dyke	74 80
Chadbourne, Clayton L.	3 00
Espaignette, Alton	12 20
Espaignette, Yvonne	2 00
Ellis, Sayward B. & Rebecca J.	378 80
Ellis, Sayward B.	16 00
Gordon, John O.	27 00
Hutchins, Leonard & Methyl	170 80
Hinckley, Clayton	168 40
Huff, Roy	21 60
Huff, Llewellyn	39 90
Hewey, Ivy	7 80
Hanscom, Harry	27 00
Knowlan, Clarence	44 80
Knowlan, Clinton E. & Gwendolyn P.	56 80

Lisherness, Howard	\$ 62 00
Lisherness, Rita	8 00
Ladd, Alton Jr.	386 80
Ladd, Philip	128 00
MacLane, Irene	92 40
Mayo, Averill	12 80
Plummer, Robert S.	98 60
Pillsbury, Paul	94 20
Pillsbury, Oscar	236 80
Richards, Ross	309 60
Spaulding, Herbert	101 20
Spaulding, Herbert	7 20
Snell, Charles & Jean	66 80
Simmons, Milton	8 80
Sacobie, Donald	3 80
Smith, Earle	209 80
Urquhart, William	7 80
Wallace, Linwood	87 20
White, Alvah O.	10 80
Williams, Harry	3 80

UNCOLLECTED — NON-RESIDENT 1954

Mitchell, Benjamin	\$12 00
Mann, Owen	4 00
Mitchell, Carl	20 00
McLeary, Philip	67 17
Oliver, Earl H.	74 00

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY B. JENNINGS,

Tax Collector.

ITEM 60

Town of Strong Trust Funds

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954

Balance Feb. 1, 1954 — E. K. Hitchcock	\$102 50
Paid C. V. Starbird, Treas. M. E. Church	2 50
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Balance March 4, 1954	\$100 00
December 31, 1954 — Interest added	3 01
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	\$103 01
December 31, 1954 — Paid C. V. Starbird, Treas. M. E. Church	3 01
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Balance Feb. 1, 1955	\$100 00

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TRUST FUND

Feb. 1, 1954 — Balance	\$109 33
December 31 — Interest added	3 28
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Balance Feb. 1, 1955	\$112 61

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Balance Feb. 1, 1954 — Franklin Co. Savings Bank	\$373 10
By authority of Auditors transferred to E. K. Hitchcock Trust Fund	\$102 50
To Congregational Church Trust Fund	109 33
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	\$211 83
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Balance in Cem. Trust Fund	\$161 27

Interest accrued	\$ 12 64
New Trust Funds	450 00
Dividends	430 44
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	\$893 08
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Total	\$1,054 35
Paid for care of lots	250 00
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Balance in Franklin Co. Savings Bank	\$804 35
Deposited in Franklin Co. Savings Bank, Book No. 25451	\$804 35
417 Shares @ \$20.86	\$8,698 62
5 Shares @ \$19.28	96 40
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Total invested in Massachusetts Investors Trust	\$8,795 02

Names of people invested in Trust Funds since Shares were purchased —

Bertha Mitchell	\$150 00
Vinal B. MacLane Est.	200 00
Mary W. Farrow	150 00
Maude B. Hillier	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF STRONG TRUST FUNDS
By the Trustees

RALPH E. EUSTIS
ERWIN E. TOOTHAKER
F. A. RICHARDSON
R. D. NORRIS,
HERVEY B. JENNINGS

HERVEY B. JENNINGS, *Sec. and Treas.*

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND

Debits		Credits	
Cash	\$242 71		\$242 71
2 — \$1,000 00 U. S. Savings		2 — \$1,000 00 U. S. Savings	
Bonds — Series G — \$2,000 00		Bonds — Series G — \$2,000 00	

BABBITT TRUST FUND

Debits		Credits	
Cash	\$100 00		\$100 00

HERVEY B. JENNINGS, *Treas.*

Strong School Department

ITEM 61

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Strong:

I hereby submit to you my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The number of students in the Strong School continues to grow. This year the enrollment is 331, as compared to 317 students a year ago. Grade 2 with 45 students and Grades 6 and 7 with 41 students are the two largest groups. In an effort to equalize the teaching load, teachers with small classes are assisting the two teachers with the large groups.

The enrollment in the four high school grades alone has more than doubled in the last five years. Improved school facilities and inclusion of two vocational courses in the high school have done much to cause this increase. There has been a larger number of tuition students attending Strong High School in recent years, and the number of "drop-outs" has been very low.

At the end of this fiscal year, all bills have been paid, and there remains an unexpended balance of \$1,453.63. The two factors contributing to this balance are increased receipts from tuition and the receipt of \$1,103 extra in state subsidy.

In the school budget for the coming year, it is recommended that the present school program be broadened to include a part-time Art teacher, and a Driver Training course in the high school. It is felt that both courses would provide valuable training, and would represent another step forward in providing educational opportunities to meet the interests and needs of a larger number of students. It would cost about \$400 a year for the Art, and approximately \$500 a year for Driver Training. Both expenditures would be reimbursed by the State. Under the present subsidy law, Strong is reimbursed by the State at the rate of 45% on money spent to operate the schools.

The costs for operating a Driver Training course are for textbooks, insurance, gas and oil, and the teacher. The car for this course can be borrowed from an automobile dealer, and a set of dual controls for the car can be borrowed from the American Automobile Association.

Driver Training courses in high schools are highly recommended by the Maine State Police. Their records show that the percentage of highway accidents involving students who have had driver training in school is a great deal less than drivers who have not had the course.

Even with an expanded school program, the requested appropriation is about \$5,000 less than last year. This is possible due to more receipts expected from tuition and more state subsidy. The exact amount of subsidy Strong will receive will not be known until the State Legislature finally decides on the appropriation at the state level. On the basis of information received to date from the Department of Education, it seems likely that Strong will receive a lot more subsidy this coming year.

There were four changes in the teaching staff this past summer. Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. MacQuoid resigned to accept positions in nearby communities. Mrs. Norton retired, and Mr. Buxton entered the Army. Mrs. Starbird is teaching the Fifth Grade, and Mrs. Heald returned after a one-year's leave of absence to teach the Junior Primary. Mr. Gulezian is teaching Social Studies and Mr. Burrill is teaching the Commercial subjects in the high school.

The teachers are conducting their classes in an orderly and efficient manner. It is encouraging to note the willingness of the Strong teachers to seek improved methods, and materials for teaching. Several of the teachers have either attended summer school or taken correspondence courses in the past year.

As each year goes by, a few more minor repairs become necessary. The School Committee has voted to employ the janitor through the summer months to take care of the minor repairs as they arise. In this way, I believe the town will save money by not having to make major expenditures for repairs.

In closing, I want to thank the citizens of Strong for your cooperation with the schools this past year, and I hope we can continue to work together to serve the best interests of your children.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MacLEOD,

Superintendent of Schools.

ITEM 62

Financial Statement

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955

RESOURCES

Unex. Balance 1-30-54		
School Main. Acct.	\$93 84	
Supt. Acct.	39 62	
Sch. Physician Acct.	50 00	
		\$ 183 46
Appropriation		33,353 16
Interest on Permanent School Fund		25 00
State Subsidy: General Aid	\$10,153 74	
Prof. Credits	50 00	
		10,203 74
Tuition: State, Freeman (H. S.)	\$ 500 00	
Freeman (Elem.)	2,252 25	
New Vineyard (H. S.)	175 00	
Stratton (H. S.)	203 39	
Avon (H. S.)	2,033 80	
Avon (Elem.)	387 00	
		5,551 44
Rentals		189 00
Ins. (damaged door)		28 16
Sale of surplus supplies		30 00
		\$49,563 96

EXPENDITURES

Teachers, H. S.	\$14,461 84
Teachers, Elem.	17,715 85
Fuel	2,902 07

Janitor & Jan. Supplies	\$2,757 90	
Conveyance	4,094 15	
Textbooks	1,429 29	
Supplies	1,797 24	
Electric Lights	922 60	
Superintendent	945 89	
School Physician	200 00	
Insurance (Fire)	883 50	
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		\$48,110 33
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Unexpended Balance		\$1,453 63

AVON CONVEYANCE

Unexpended Balance 1-30-54	\$ 19 00	
Appropriation	350 00	
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		\$369 00
Expended (Lawrence Curtis)		340 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$29 00

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Expended (Mrs. Lulu Cook)	100 00	
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Unexpended Balance		\$400 00

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

Teachers, High School

Donald M. Mailloux	\$3,300 00	
Raleigh L. Folsom	3,049 94	
Elizabeth D. Knox	2,642 94	
Daniel S. Gulezian	1,299 98	
William E. Burrill, Jr.	1,449 91	
Raymond Buxton, Jr.	1,400 03	
Abbie Foster Norton	1,225 04	
Christie V. Pingree	14 00	
Elizabeth D. Knox (reimb. ½ ttn.)	30 00	
William E. Burrill, Jr. (Pr. Cr.)	50 00	
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		\$14,461 84

Teachers, Elementary

Lucy H. Mailloux	\$2,274 95
Millard Parlin, Jr.	2,449 94
Faye Starbird	999 90
Amanda B. Hinds	1,770 20
Jane Eva Dustis	1,836 18
Marion B. Peary	2,050 04
Dorothy N. Scamman	1,949 94
Heleen R. Heald	998 73
Roxie D. Pratt	1,100 00
Elizabeth B. MacQuoid	950 04
Daisy W. Agren	137 95
Hilda W. Steward	469 90
Vera V. Wing (Sec'y to Supt.)	630 58
Glenda K. Worthley (Sub.)	72 50
Christie V. Pingree (Sub.)	25 00

 \$17,715 85

Fuel

Ernest Richards	\$2,902 07
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Janitor and Janitor's Supplies

Lewis Brackley	\$2,070 00
Marshall Stevens	66 00
Jerry Lambert	54 00
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	166 19
Harry E. Nason	140 00
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	62 00
Hall & Knight Hardware Co.	40 20
The C. B. Dolge Company	37 66
A. G. Eustis Estate	18 80
Masury Young Company	19 93
The Pioneer Mfg. Co.	24 34
Louis A. Mowatt	17 50
Wilfred McLeary Co.	9 75
Starbird Lumber Co.	9 24
Eastern Fire Equipment, Inc.	6 78
B. D. Moore	6 50
Rangeley Lakes Motor Express	6 21
Carman-Thompson Co.	2 80

 \$2,757 90

Conveyance

Lawrence Curtis	\$1,480 00
Virgil Starbird	1,433 75
Stanley Ross	531 00
State of Maine	360 00
J. Blaine Morrison Agency	138 40
Mrs. Gene Wood	84 00
Eugene Reynolds	67 00
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	\$4,094 15

Textbooks

Scott, Foresman & Company	\$362 83
American Book Company	269 34
Ginn and Company	228 95
Laidlaw Brothers, Inc.	110 28
Allyn and Bacon, Inc.	60 67
D. C. Heath & Co.	55 56
World Book Company	58 64
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	53 94
The John C. Winston Co.	45 75
The Economy Company	41 92
Webster Publishing Co.	32 98
South-Western Publishing Co.	31 83
Handy Folio Music Co.	27 00
E. M. Hale and Co.	16 80
Children's Reading Service	11 01
The Continental Press	8 54
Daniel E. Gulezian (Reimb.)	5 00
The MacMillan Company	2 08
Houghton-Mifflin Company	1 52
Thé Bisbee Press	53
Ginn and Company (H. S. Library)	2 62
Henry Holt & Co. (H. S. Library)	1 50
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	\$1,429 29

Supplies

J. L. Hammett Company	\$490 16
Milton Bradley Company	136 40
Kitchen & Glover	115 00

Strong Water District	\$110 50
B. D. Moore	88 11
Franklin Farmers & Somerset Tel. Co.	90 14
Howard's Rexall Store	69 74
Paris Manufacturing Co.	60 99
John G. West Company	77 78
Phillips Print Shop	41 69
J. Blaine Morrison Agency	33 02
Mrs. Marion Peary	30 61
Starbird Lumber Company	26 48
M. N. Perkins Company	13 10
World Book Company	15 04
E. C. McGraw	14 10
News Map of the Week	12 00
E. Worcester, Postmaster, Phillips	9 95
C. S. Hammond Company	9 83
George W. Gowell Company	9 00
The Knowlton & McLeary Co.	8 73
S. Elwood Thompson	6 00
L. R. Lewis	5 65
Treasurer, State of Maine	4 50
Kinney Duplicator Co.	3 75
Berry Paper Company	3 40
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	3 18
Master Products Co.	2 50
Roberts Office Supply Co.	2 40
Rangeley Lakes Motor Exp.	1 40
Huston-Tuttle Co.	1 28
First National Stores	1 28
School Specialty Supply, Inc.	1 00

\$1,498 71

Supplies, Industrial Arts

Arthur A. Gordon	\$49 60
Bragdon Paint Co.	42 70
Strong High School	42 02
M. E. Knapp & Son	31 87
Starbird Lumber Co.	29 56
J. H. Carbine, Jr.	20 98
B. D. Moore	18 32

Bruce Publishing Co.	\$15 76
The Better-Bilt Door Co.	13 50
W. D. Matthews Mch. Co.	12 04
A. G. Eustis Estate	10 54
Air Reduction Sales Co.	6 01
Lewiston Welding Co.	5 63

\$298 53

\$1,797 24

Electric Lights

Maine Consolidated Power Co.	\$922 60
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Superintendent

John C. MacLeod	\$945 89
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School Physician

Dr. Marsters	\$200 00
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Insurance, Fire

Eustis Insurance Agency	\$746 00
E. E. Toothaker	137 50

\$883 50

ITEM 63

Report of Librarian

FORSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1954

Cash Received

Feb. 1	Brought forward	\$ 64 02
Feb. 1	Association dues	7 00
Aug. 9	Town of Strong	150 00
Aug. 9	State Stipend	15 00
Nov. 10	Gift	1 50
Dec. 1	Pay for 1 book	1 50
Dec. 30	Gift from Mary Davis	50 00

1955	Fines	27 83
	Sale of books and magazines	6 36

\$323 21

1954

Disbursements

Mar. 26	Books	\$39 96
May 20	Books	20 90
July 24	Books	40 00
Oct. 1	Books	9 99
Oct. 18	Magazines	14 50
Dec. 2	Books	35 25
Dec. 29	Books	27 64

1955

Jan. 6	Supplies	\$13 00	
Jan. 14	Supplies and Postage	3 08	
Jan. 27	Books	27 48	
Jan. 29	Outstanding Bills	30 60	
		<hr/>	\$262 40
Balance in Treasury			<hr/> \$60 81

Circulation

Books — Fiction	5,081
Books — Non-Fiction	215
Magazines	395

MARION EUSTIS, *Librarian.*

ITEM 64

Report of Fire Chief

LIST OF FIRES

January 25, 1954 to January 25, 1955

- G.A. Fire at Fred McCleary's
- G.A. Fire at New Vineyard
- G.A. Grass fire at Roland Hinds'
- G.A. Fire at Brackley's Mill
- S.A. Chimney fire at Holander's — Freeman
- S.A. Chimney fire at John Gordon's
- S.A. Chimney fire at Clyde Chandler's
- S.A. Chimney fire at Charles Skillings'
- G.A. Fire at Old Schoolhouse
- S.A. Chimney fire at Henry Scammon's
- S.A. Chimney fire at John Harris'
- S.A. Chimney fire at Alton Espaignette's
- S.A. Chimney fire at Earl Smith's
- S.A. Chimney fire at Sayward Ellis'
- S.A. Chimney fire at Mabel Richardson's
- S.A. Chimney fire at Robert Gage's
- G.A. Fire at Starbird Garage

I wish the citizens of Strong would watch those old chimneys closer. We have had a lot of chimney fires this past winter. Other-wise than Starbird's Garage we have been lucky on bad fires. PLEASE watch those fires so we will not lose any lives.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANGIE E. MARDEN, *Chief.*

ITEM 65

Town Clerk's Report

DEATHS — STRONG AND FREEMAN

1953

Nov. 12 — At Rockland, Maine, Henry Herbert Randall, aged 84 yrs.

1954

Jan. 1 — At Auburn, Maine, Ella Mae Vining, aged 80 yrs.

Jan. 19 — At Farmington, Maine, George Henry Frederic, aged 81 yrs.

Feb. 16 — At Strong, Maine, Eva May Cook, aged 85 yrs.

April 5 — At Farmington, Maine, Etta Walker Durrell, aged 73 yrs.

April 6 — At Farmington, Maine, Baby Flagg, infant.

April 12 — At Farmington, Maine, Harry Freemont Lisherness, aged 66 yrs.

April 26 — At Strong, Maine, Coe Elward Toothaker, aged 62 yrs.

May 3 — At Strong, Maine, Raymond Arthur Starbird, aged 63 yrs.

May 8 — At Strong, Maine, Fred Herbert Daggett, aged 86 yrs.

May 27 — At Lewiston, Maine, Roscoe Dyer Vining, aged 68 yrs.

June 3 — At Strong, Maine, Edythe Mae Richards, aged 64 yrs.

June 7 — At Strong, Maine, Bradford Lambert Beal, aged 71 yrs.

June 11 — At Farmington, Maine, Emma Maybelle Ladd, aged 69 yrs.

July 20 — At Lincoln, Maine, Roland Grant Kennedy, aged 44 yrs.

Sept. 18 — At Strong, Maine, Ella W. Vining, aged 74 yrs.

Sept. 28 — At New Vineyard, Maine, Ellen E. Spaulding, aged 93 yrs.

Oct. 16 — At Strong, Maine, Fred Herbert McCleary, aged 92 yrs.

Nov. 11 — At Farmington, Maine, Daisy W. Huff, aged 76 yrs.

Nov. 27 — At Strong, Maine, George Donald Golden, aged 26 yrs.

Dec. 15 — At Farmington, Maine, Flora Jane Sample, aged 84 yrs.

R. D. NORRIS, *Town Clerk*.

ITEM 66

Report of School Physician

During the past year nearly all the pupils of the Strong School received tuberculosis patch tests and those with positive tests had chest X-rays. No active cases were found in the school but this testing program did help to uncover an active case in a home.

With the help of the Public Health Nurse, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and tetanus inoculations were administered to those pupils who had parental consent. The coming year should see a Polio vaccine made available to certain lower age groups without cost. The prudent parent will, I am sure, want their children to have what measure of protection these immunizations afford.

Physical examinations to alternate classes were given with the aid of the Public Health Nurse and to all pupils engaging in athletics.

I wish to thank parents and teachers alike for their co-operation with me in immunization programs and in attempting to keep contagious diseases at a minimum in our school.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. MARSTERS, M. D.

ITEM 67

Report of Health Officer

The past year has seen measles, chickenpox and mumps in epidemic proportions in the Town of Strong.

Such epidemics are inevitable and rarely serious but each case should be reported to the Local Health Officer. A State law obligates householders to do so.

This is important because biologicals such as Gamma globulin used in preventing severe measles in infants may be apportioned to an area on the basis of cases reported in previous years.

The urgency of reporting more severe ills such as tuberculosis is obvious to all, but even the so-called children's diseases may be serious and their proper control depends on case reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. MARSTERS, M. D.

Annual Report of Public Health Nursing Service

STRONG — 1954

One of the most important methods of securing and maintaining optimum health in a community, is through the protection of its children. Attendance at Child Health Conferences, school health examinations and immunizations are methods which help to provide this protection.

This past spring for the first time in many years, the Public Health Nurse has assisted with the school health program. The school children were offered immunizations against Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus and Smallpox vaccinations. This fall, children in grades one, three, five and seven and the athletes were given physical examinations. Visits to homes have been made to interpret the findings and recommendations of the physician, made at Child Health Conferences, special clinics and school physical examinations. Vision rechecks have been done and defects found have been, or are in the process of, being corrected. Audiometer (hearing) tests were given early in the year. Few defects were found.

During the summer, a series of three well attended Child Health Conferences were held for infants and preschool children. Here, immunizations against Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus and Smallpox vaccinations are offered to all. Each child is given an annual physical examination. Parents are urged to bring their children for a physical examination, even though the immunizations may not be desired or needed at that time.

When necessary, referrals have been made for the various clinics, such as the Crippled Children's Clinic, Regional X-ray Clinic and the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. Parents of preschool and school children

have been seen to interpret and advise of physicians findings, early medical attention and correction of physical defects, discussing with mothers nutritional problems and normal child growth and development at various ages.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the people of Strong, who have been so cooperative in contributing their time and energy, thus making the Public Health Nursing Service more successful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) JUNE M. OUELLETTE, R. N.,

Public Health Nurse.

ITEM 69 A

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TOWN OF STRONG

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of your Treasurer, Collector and Selectmen for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1955, and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations. In our opinion, the appended statements fairly present, in accordance with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting consistently maintained, the financial position of the Town of Strong as at February 1, 1955.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

By R. M. Millett, C. P. A.

Dated: February 8, 1955

Portland, Maine

TOWN OF STRONG, MAINE
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
ASSETS

	February 1, 1955	February 1, 1954
Cash	\$ 7,159 43	\$ 4,402 43

UNCOLLECTED TAXES:

1954	\$ 3,438 47	
1953	112 60	\$ 2,922 00
1952	13 26	18 89
1950	18 58	18 58
1949	14 40	14 40
1948	18 90	18 90
1947	40 71	40 71
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	3,656 92	3,033 48

UNCOLLECTED TAX DEEDS:

1936	33 25	33 25
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UNCOLLECTED TAX LIENS:

1953	\$ 1,263 40	
1952	203 63	\$265 51
1951	242 02	302 25
1950	175 94	249 66
1949	146 88	146 88
1948	116 90	116 90
1943	44 00	44 00
1942	44 00	44 00
1941	45 76	45 76
1940	45 76	45 76
1939	47 20	47 20
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	2,375 49	1,307 92

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

State of Maine — Highway Dept.	1,887 89
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DEFERRED APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES:

Bridge Account	\$ 3,300 00	\$ 3,300 00
Lisherness Bridge	2,500 00	2,500 00
State Aid Road		
Construction	10,460 77	10,460 77
Sprinkler —		
School House	5,890 00	5,890 00
Starbird Bridge	2,610 00	6,110 00
State Aid #2 —		
Norton Hill	19 12	7,694 32
Truck & Plow	8,473 02	
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	33,252 91	35,955 09

OVERDRAFTS:

Norton Hill Reconstr.	569 33
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TOTAL ASSETS

<u>\$47,047 33</u>	<u>\$46,620 06</u>
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LIABILITIES

	February 1, 1955	February 1, 1954
NOTES PAYABLE	\$33,252 91	\$35,955 09

DEFERRED CREDITS:

Excise Taxes	\$1,199 35	\$1,427 09
Supplementary Taxes	40 15	40 15
Old School House	47 00	32 00
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	1,286 50	1,499 24

UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers		\$ 147 03
Town Charges	\$ 18 82	140 91
Collection of Taxes	46 86	
Abatements	80 27	93 27
Forster Building	2,752 94	2,084 94
Fire Department	424 44	365 69
Street Lights		24 76
Police Services	103 00	152 00
Care of Dump	149 02	159 07
Winter Roads		252 22
Sidewalks	345 21	145 21
Truck and Plow	499 91	9 58
Town Roads — Tarvia	787 21	287 21
Taylor Hill	200 00	
Town Poor	417 73	475 16
Aid to Dependent		
Children	104 89	115 73
Schools	1,453 63	93 84
Supt. of Schools		39 62
School Physician		50 00
School Lunch	400 00	
Avon Conveyance	29 00	19 00
Hitchcock House	484 34	441 24
Insurance	149 90	91 15
Civilian Defense	184 67	209 40
Cemeteries — Operation	191 61	75 27

Cemeteries — Old Sec.	200 00	200 00
Interest & Discount		8 96
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	9,023 45	5,681 26
GENERAL REVENUE FUND		
SURPLUS	3,484 47	3,484 47
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		
AND SURPLUS	\$47,047 33	\$46,620 06
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TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

	February 1, 1955	February 1, 1954
Invested in Savings Accounts:		
Cemetery Funds	\$ 804 35	\$ 161 27
Church — Hitchcock	212 61	211 83
Church — Babbitt	100 00	100 00
Ministerial and School Fund	242 71	259 51
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	\$ 1,359 67	\$ 732 61
Securities:		
Massachusetts Investors Trust	8,795 02	8,698 62
U. S. Treasury Bonds	2,025 00	2,000 00
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	\$12,179 69	\$11,431 23
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LIABILITIES

Trust Funds:		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 9,599 37	\$ 8,859 89
E. K. Hitchcock — Methodist Episcopal		
Church Fund	100 00	102 50
E. K. Hitchcock — Congregational Church		
Fund	112 61	109 33
Babbitt Fund — Methodist Church Fund	100 00	100 00
Ministerial and School Fund	2,267 71	2,259 51
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	\$12,179 69	\$11,431 23
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ITEM 69 B

TOWN OF STRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT FEBRUARY 1, 1955

ASSETS

Cash on Deposit	\$ 8,190 24
Net Bonded Debt	105,000 00
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Total Assets	<u>\$113,190 24</u>

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Town Appropriation	\$ 5,873 12
Unexpended Building Fund	2,317 12
Bonds Payable	105,000 00
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	<u>\$113,190 24</u>

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Strong School District for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1955 and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by properly authorized vouchers.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

By R. M. Millett, C. P. A.

Dated: February 8, 1955
Portland, Maine

**TOWN OF STRONG SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANALYSIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 1, 1955**

Cash Balance February 1, 1954	\$ 9,153 16
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Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$ 8,000 00
Donation	80 75

8,080 75

\$17,233 91

Disbursements for Operations:

Retirement of Bonds	\$5,000 00
Interest on Bonds	2,750 00
Treasurer's Salary	50 00
Treasurer's Bond	50 00
Audit	25 00
Bank Service Charge	15 00
Express	1 10
Lumber	103 33
Misc. Materials	38 11
Labor	93 00
Gravel in Yard	47 50

8,173 04

Disbursements for Equipment:

Inter-communication	
System	\$524 05
Exhaust Fan	54 90
Desks and Chairs	233 44
Sander	58 24

870 63

9,043 67

Cash Balance February 1, 1955	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$8,190 24
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

40 Main Street
Bridgton, Maine
October 27, 1954

Mr. F. Ardine Richardson
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Strong
Maine

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is a brief report of the white pine blister rust control work done in Strong this year.

We covered 1,812 acres in all to protect 531 acres of young growing pine. We found and destroyed 387 currant and gooseberry bushes on this area. I believe that Strong is now in satisfactory condition for several years. Unless some calamity strikes like a big fire or blow-down you should be safe until 1964. We will probably make some examinations tho during the intervening years.

Please accept my thanks for the cooperation we received from your Board and your townspeople in this work.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH B. PIKE Jr.

THREE WAYS TO SAVE

There are, after all, but three ways to conserve either public or private income:

Buy less of something.

Pay less for something.

Not buy something.

The people of America will decide, either by choice or by passively permitting expansion of activities and personnel, whether we shall have Less government or More government . . . No unit of government, Federal, state, or local can spend one dime of money except yours and mine, and eventually every dollar authorized for expenditure must appear in your tax bill and mine . . . — Joseph E. Long, Iowa Taxpayers Assn. — from “This Job of Living.”

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